Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-15 (canceled):

Claim 16 (new): A tear open package made of a coextruded laminated sealable film with balanced tear start and tear propagation properties of the tear open package in crosswise and lengthwise direction of the film wherein said film has at least three layers including a core comprising a polyolefin or a polymer mixture with a high polyolefin content, and on each side of said core an adjacent layer forming an outside layer which comprises a polymer mixture of

- a) 20 to 80 wt. % cycloolefin copolymer (COC) and
- b) remainder a member selected from the group consisting of a polyolefin and an ethylene copolymer.

Claim 17 (new): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein said film has a three-layer structure including said jc - R: Patents\N\Niepelt - 3\AMENDMENT - 1OA .wpd

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core comprising one layer having a core layer thickness and each adjacent layer forming an outside layer having an outside layer thickness, said core thickness being a multiple of the outside layer thickness.

Claim 18 (new): A tear open package made of a coextruded laminated sealable film with balanced tear start and tear propagation properties of the tear open package in crosswise and lengthwise direction of the film wherein said film has at least three layers including first and second outside layers and at least one intermediate layer wherein said first outside layer is formed from a polyolefin, said second outside layer comprises a polymer mixture of

- 20 to 80 wt. % cycloolefin copolymer (COC) and a)
- remainder a member selected from the group consisting b) of a polyolefin and an ethylene copolymer

and said intermediate layer is formed from a polymer mixture of cycloolefin copolymers and polyolefins having a polyolefin content less than said first outside layer and greater than said second outside layer.

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Claim 19 (new): The tear open package according to claim 18, wherein said film has a three-layer structure including said intermediate layer forming a core layer having a core layer thickness and each of said first and second layers having an outside layer thickness, said core layer thickness being a multiple of the outside layer thickness.

Claim 20 (new): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein the cycloolefin copolymer is an ethylene/norbornene copolymer produced using a metallocene catalyst.

Claim 21 (new): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein said member is a linear low-density polyethylene.

Claim 22 (new): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein said member is a polypropylene.

Claim 23 (new): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein said film has a thickness of least 15 μm .

Claim 24 (new): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein said film is produced by a flat film extrusion process or an extrusion blowing process.

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Claim 25 (new): The tear open package according to claim 16, wherein before further processing, said film is subjected to a finishing process selected from the group consisting of lamination, imprinting, and coating.

Claim 26 (new): The tear open package according to claim 18, wherein the cycloolefin copolymer is an ethylene/norbornene copolymer produced using a metallocene catalyst.

Claim 27 (new): The tear open package according to claim 18, wherein said member is a linear low-density polyethylene.

Claim 28 (new): The tear open package according to claim 18, wherein said member is a polypropylene.

Claim 29 (new): The tear open package according to claim 18, wherein said film has a thickness of least 15 $\mu m_{\rm \cdot}$

Claim 30 (new): The tear open package according to claim 18, wherein said film is produced by a flat film extrusion process or an extrusion blowing process.

Claim 31 (new): The tear open package according to claim 18, wherein before further processing, said film is subjected to a finishing process selected from the group consisting of lamination, imprinting, and coating.